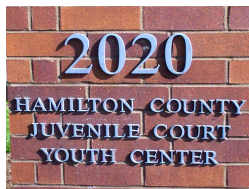


HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



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OVERVIEW

Hamilton County Juvenile Court has the responsibility to hear and determine all cases and issues concerning children in Hamilton County. Additionally, the Juvenile Court administers programs and facilities providing for the custody, care and rehabilitation of youth within its jurisdiction.

The types of cases appearing before the Juvenile Court include:

- Delinquency cases in which a youth is charged with what would be a crime for an adult.
- Dependency cases in which it is alleged that a child has been abused or neglected by a parent or other person.
- Paternity/Child Support cases to determine parentage and collect support.
- Traffic cases in which a juvenile is charged with violating traffic law.
- Custody cases in which the parties disagree concerning with whom the child should live or visit.
- Adult cases in which there is an issue of contribution to a child's delinquency or failure to send a child to school.
- Various other cases which impact the best interests of children.

Two judges direct the work of the Court. In 2006, those judges were Administrative Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Judge Karla J. Grady. The judges, along with the Court Administrator, Mark H. Reed, oversee all Court operations, including:

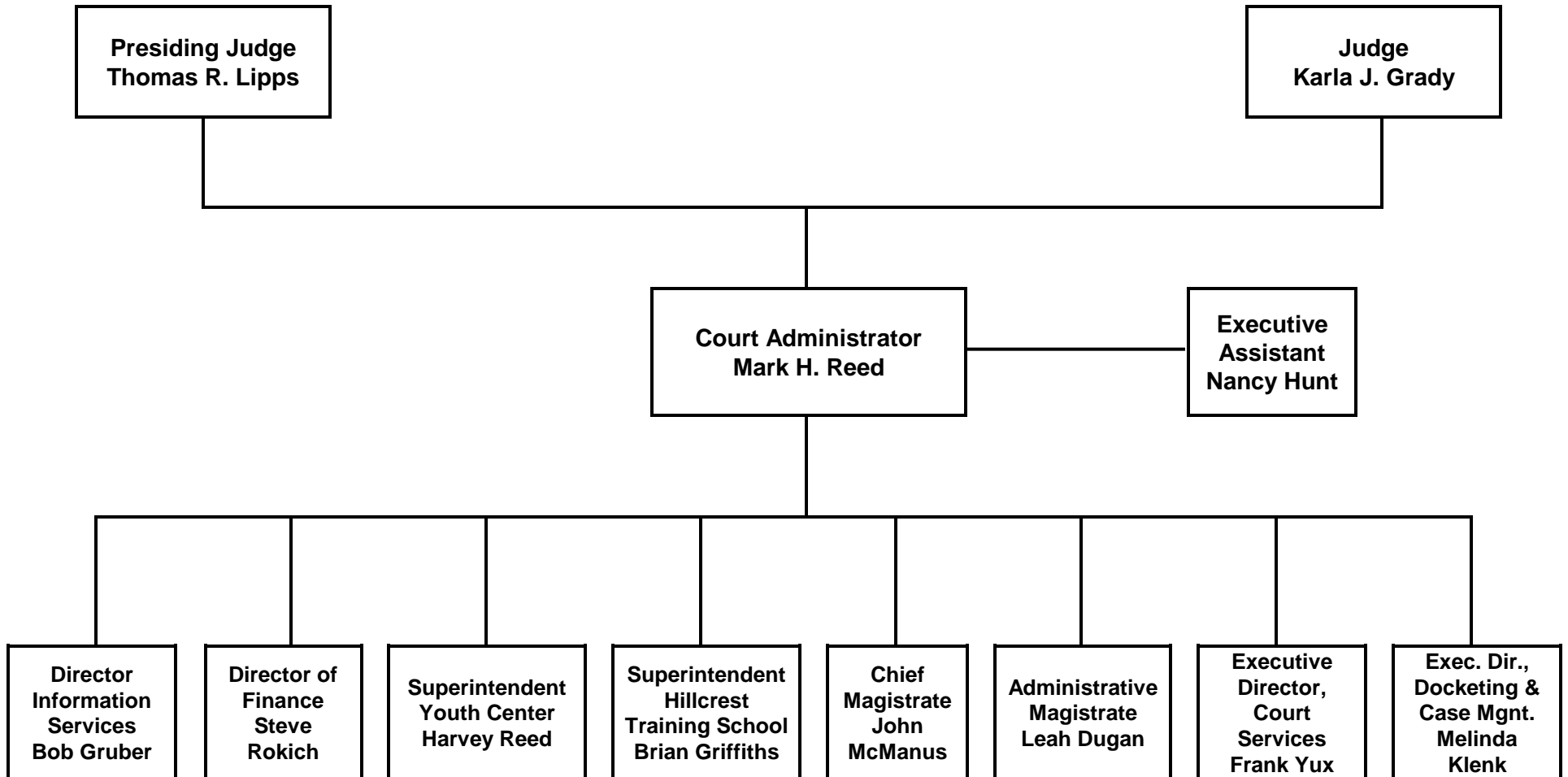
- Department of Docketing and Case Management comprised of the Clerk's Office, Docketing Departments, Record Room and Security.
- Magistrates Department comprised of 26 magistrates who hear a large volume of cases in various jurisdictional areas.
- Department of Court Services comprised of the Probation Department, Intervention Unit, and Work Detail.
- The Youth Center, a 160-bed secure detention center, housing youth in secure custody pending court hearings.
- Hillcrest Training School, a 142-bed residential treatment center for youth court-ordered into the program for violating the law.
- Various administrative departments encompassing the Office of Court Administrator, Administrative Magistrate, Personnel, Finance, Information Services, Operations and Training.

The Court also contracts with various placement and program services offered by child care agencies, including inpatient secure diagnostic services, shelter care housing children, custodial drug treatment centers, youth counseling programs, etc. Further, the Juvenile Court along with other official entities, have formed the Family and Children First Council to consolidate efforts, increase efficiency and improve service to families and children.

The Juvenile Court is fortunate to enjoy the services of many volunteers who give their time, expertise and money for the enhancement of children. Volunteer programs include over 30 community unofficial hearing officers where members of the legal profession deal with minor infractions, diverting the case from official charges. Volunteer chaplains provide spiritual guidance to youth held in the custody of the Court. An Advisory Council composed of citizens in the community directs services and funds to enhance court programs which cannot be funded by tax revenue to provide needy children with clothes and positive life experiences.

The National Council of Juvenile Court and Family Court Judges designated the Hamilton County Juvenile Court as the nation's first model court. Hamilton County programs are praised by the national judicial and correctional associations and in published reports. Judges and officials from around the nation and across the world have traveled to Cincinnati to observe our Court.

Hamilton County Juvenile Court





Judge Thomas R. Lipps
Administrative Judge



Judge Karla J. Grady



Court Administrator
Mark H. Reed

DEPARTMENT OF COURT SERVICES

The Department of Court Services is charged with the implementation of a wide variety of Court orders and services directed at prevention, intervention and rehabilitation. There are six separate departments within Court services: the Intervention Unit, Community Service / Work Detail, Probation and Service Grants and the Youth Center Psychology Clinic.. Services and programs in each of these areas work collaboratively and independently to provide services to youth and their families. Court Services uses general funds and specialized grants to fulfill its mission.

The Intervention Unit utilizes strategic brief therapy for at-risk families prior to formal introduction into the court system. It also accepts referrals from judges, magistrates and probation.

The Community Service / Work Detail program performs a wide range of community services. Youth are referred to the program as a result of their delinquent or unruly behavior. The City of Cincinnati Adopt-a-Block Program, the Cincinnati Zoo, schools and a variety of parks benefit from this program. The Community Service / Work Detail Program also collaborates with Hillcrest Training School to provide an educational component to assist youth in obtaining their General Education Diploma.

The Probation Department provides predisposition investigation reports and post-disposition probation services. The Department also provides specialized case supervision to address four specific categories of offenders, sex offenders, female probationers, probationers with mental-health diagnosis and offenders requiring intense supervision. A Specialized Services team works closely with probation staff in locating services for youth with complex multi-problem maladaptive behavior not served through traditional community services.

The Court Services Grants department monitors and assists in the annual application of the RECLAIM Ohio Grant, which provides funding for both Court personnel and offender services in Court Services. In addition, this department assists in the research, development, application and monitoring of federal, state and private grants.

The Psychology Clinic is to provide mental health evaluations for the Juvenile Court System at the request of judges, magistrates, probation officers, and both prosecuting and defense attorneys.

INTERVENTION UNIT

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Intervention Unit, a division of Court Services, serves families in crisis as the result of a child's rebellious or incorrigible behavior. Efforts are made to contact the family within 24-48 hours of receiving a referral and schedule an appointment within 10 working days. If the parents or guardians are unwilling or unable to attend a session at the Intervention Unit, a family counselor will provide crisis intervention by telephone. It is the Intervention Unit's goal to provide direct treatment services to at least 10% of all families referred. During 2006, 17% of all cases referred received ongoing treatment services.

The duration of a single crisis-intervention session is typically 2-3 hours. Treatment sessions generally last 1-2 hours. Telephone interventions are provided to clients who do not utilize in-person services due to work schedules, transportation problems, lack of child care, disinterest in counseling, or improvement in the child's behavior. Such cases are monitored for 30 days or longer should problems arise again. Families are encouraged to maintain contact with the assigned counselor during this period; many call for additional guidance after the case is closed. There was an average of 5.7 contacts per case during 2006.

The First Time Runaway Program provides ongoing case management from the initial filing of the charge through final disposition of the case. Regular phone contact is maintained with the parents or guardians. The Intake Coordinator offers guidance and supportive counseling throughout the process, and has the option to refer cases to the Family Counselors for ongoing services.

1,270 cases were referred to the Intervention Unit during 2006. Substance abuse/dependency, physical and sexual abuse, and mental illness remain constant and significant factors affecting family functioning. Trends suggest that increasing numbers of children referred have had prior exposure to mental health services or psychiatric hospitalization. Minority populations comprise 74% of youth referred; 53% of total referrals were female. Ages range from 7 to 17 years.

The Unit closed 1,327 cases during 2006 and provided service to 68% of the families referred. Services included: First Time Runaway case management, single session interventions, ongoing treatment services, and telephone interventions. 22% of cases referred either did not schedule services or the youth's warrant remained active for over 3 months. 10% of families that scheduled a session failed to attend and did not reschedule. In many instances, counselors scheduled several appointments with clients prior to case closure, encouraging the families to utilize services.

PROGRAM EVALUATION/RECIDIVISM RATES

The Intervention Unit assesses the effectiveness of services based upon re-involvement with the Court. Recidivism is defined as any subsequent official Court contact for an unruly or delinquent offense. The results may be negatively skewed as counselors periodically encourage parents to pursue charges during treatment as a means of holding children accountable. To provide a meaningful appraisal of positive outcome, the population was drawn from closures dating from September 2000 through September 2006. A recidivism range of 3 months following case closure was used.

REFERRAL SOURCE	TOTAL CLOSED	NEW FILINGS	RECIDIVISM RATE
Dependency Court Magistrates	3	0	0%
Delinquency Court Magistrates	823	286	35%
First Time Runaway Program	2,798	905	32%
Clerk's Office Unofficial Referrals	3,406	689	20%
Probation Department	403	157	39%
Township Unofficial Dockets	31	7	23%
TOTALS	7,464	2,044	27%

TOTAL CASES DIVERTED FROM OFFICIAL JUVENILE COURT DOCKETS	5,420
PERCENTAGE OF REFERRALS UTILIZING SOME FORM OF IU SERVICE	71%

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK DETAIL

The Work Detail program is a dispositional option for adjudicated youth in Hamilton County Juvenile Court. The program provides youth with a productive, short-term work experience as a consequence for delinquent behavior. Youth are given an opportunity to learn the principles of accountability and responsibility through various clean up and beautification projects in communities that have been affected by their delinquent behavior.

During 2006, the Work Detail department continued its partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. The department also continued its partnership with Hamilton County Environmental Services to provide assistance with environmental and educational programs for youth. The department worked with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Hamilton County Park district to provide assistance with park clean up. Work Detail youth participated in the annual Great American Clean Up. The department was instrumental in the Delhi Park entrance beautification.

Daily Work Details	2,032
Saturday Work Details	1,683
TOTAL:	3,715

PROBATION

PROBATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Probation and the work of the Department are defined under Section 2151 and 2152 of the Ohio Revised Code. It is the duty of all department officers to carry out the orders of the Court and serve to protect the interest of the community. It is the responsibility of Probation Officers to use all suitable methods to aid youth on probation to bring about improvement in their conduct. During 2005, the Probation Department was staffed by: The Chief Probation Officer, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, 4 Probation Team Supervisors, 26 Probation Officers, 2 Probation Monitors, and 6 support staff. The Probation Department is accredited through the American Correctional Association. The department was first accredited in August of 2000 and anticipates a successful second re-accreditation in January of 2007.

The Probation Department utilizes a computerized version of its own statistical risk assessment and case classification model. The department utilizes the "What Works" principles to serve its clientele.

In 2006 the Probation Department received 1,725 referrals for investigation and supervised 1,420 cases under probation supervision.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING UNIT (EMU)

The Juvenile Court implemented an EMU Program in 2004. EMU is a community surveillance program managed by the Court's Probation Department to provide increased supervision of high-risk youth involved with the court. The program utilizes an electronic transmitter bracelet that is worn by the juvenile, and a field monitoring device that is connected to the existing power and phone lines in the juvenile's home. Using radio frequency technology, the receiver monitors the presence or absence of the juvenile within a specified range. Should the juvenile leave the specified range area, the curfew violation is reported to the department's monitoring center. During 2006 478 youth were placed on Electronic Monitoring. 347 youth successfully met their Electronic Monitoring requirements. Youth averaged 33.5 days on Electronic Monitoring.

SPECIALIZED CASELOADS

In 2006 there were three specialized caseloads in the department, which are supervised by 10 officers. Individuals assigned to these caseloads receive intensive supervision and programming that is designed to meet the unique needs of the assigned probationers.

SEX OFFENDER SPECIFIC CASELOAD

Since 1989 the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Probation Department has been utilizing specialized assessments of adjudicated sexual offenders. This was part of continuum of care treatment approach that followed the youth through legal, treatment and aftercare settings. The objectives for providing such an approach were: 1.) To determine the general dangerousness of the behavior and threat to the community, current victim and potential future victims. 2.) To estimate the risk of the sexually aggressive behavior being repeated. 3.) To evaluate the specific social, family, environmental and behavioral treatment strengths and needs of the adolescent offender. 4.) To determine specific recommendations regarding the ideal course of intervention and treatment along with secondary recommendations should the ideal course not be possible.

All youth adjudicated of a sexually oriented crime are assigned to the Sex Offender Specialist or to other specially trained probation officers. During 2006 the department worked with various professionals within the Court, community and across the state to further develop our practices in accordance with nationally accepted Best Practices.

GENDER SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING (GEMS)

Girls Empowered and Motivated for Success (GEMS) is designed to address the specific needs of adolescent females who are on probation. Seven probation officers and a supervisor manage the GEMS caseload. The caseload is set up to increase the chances of decreasing the risk for re-offending among females on probation. Members of the GEMS Team continued to undergo female specific training and networking throughout 2006.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION

The Intensive Supervision Probation Unit is designed to provide increased structure, monitoring and supervision to selected youth who are 15 years of age or older, not amenable to traditional probation services and at risk of placement out of the home or facing the possibility of commitment to the Department of Youth Services. Youth are closely monitored for compliance with a rigidly constructed plan that includes four phases. Each phase allows for increased privileges and decreased contact. Youth begin the program with few privileges. Youth can increase privileges as they earn "credit days" for strict compliance with program expectations.

MENTAL HEALTH CASELOAD

This caseload was established as in conjunction to the Court establishing an Individualized Disposition Docket to address youth with Mental Health issues that lead to their continued involvement with delinquent behavior. This officer is part of a team of Court and community service providers who develop an individualized plan of care for each youth and family accepted into the program. The goal of this program is to provide a seamless system of care, which will help stabilize the youth's behavior, help improve the family's ability to manage the youth and eliminate delinquent behavior. After a period of intensive services, the youth and family are transitioned back to less intensive services within their community. In 2006, 22 youth and families were served.

DRUG TESTING

A component of Probation Supervision is drug testing. The department has trained its staff to collect urine on site in a specially designed test cup that will give instant results. In 2006, 670 tests were given resulting in 173 positive results and 497 negative. Other positives are reported by youth prior to the on site test being given.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Youth who are involved with the Juvenile Court Probation Department often need additional services that involve community-based programs and/or out-of-home placement. Probation Officers are responsible for coordinating referrals and providing supervision for youth placed within these programs.

The following are facilities where youth are placed, or programs to which youth are referred for services, including a brief description of the program as well as the number of youth placed in/referred to that program in 2006.

YOUTH INC.

Youth, Inc. is a local shelter care facility that accommodates up to 30 youth per day in three houses; one of which serves females. Youth are referred there from the Youth Center (Detention) when it is appropriate to use a less restrictive environment that can provide short-term shelter care pending a longer-term placement or a return home. Due to funding reductions the court was forced to cut back the number of contracted beds from 30 to 18. In 2006 the program served 570 males and 119 females.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives, a division of the Talbert House is a 90-day residential drug and alcohol treatment program for males age 13-18. In 2006, due to funding cuts, the Court did not contract directly with Talbert House but was able to utilize other funding sources to keep this programming option available. In 2006 approximately 49 youth were served. Program youth are subsidized by funding sources above and beyond the Court's contracted amount. Youth who enter the program are admitting to a substance abuse problem and are willing to enter treatment. The program works with the families of the youth and provides step-down services in the form of intensive outpatient treatment and aftercare.

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL (INTERMEDIATE PLACEMENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS)

Hillcrest Training School operates 142 correctional/treatment beds for adjudicated delinquent youth placed by the Court. The program primarily serves youth adjudicated of felony offenses and offers a wide range of services, which include an on grounds school, substance abuse and sex offender programming and psychological services to name a few. The Probation Department placed a total of 189 youth at Hillcrest during 2006. Hillcrest Training school also provides a short-term diagnostic assessment program for youth referred by the Probation Department. In 2006, (MAP) Multi-Dimensional Assessment Program assessed 319 adjudicated males and 207 females.

PASSAGES

Passages, a division of Talbert House, is a residential treatment program for felony and chronic misdemeanor female offenders. Using a gender-sensitive approach, the Passages program utilizes techniques to address issues of personal/family relationships, accountability, victimization and substance abuse. The program has two components; a 90-day program for chronic status and misdemeanor offenders, and a 180-day program for felony offenders. Passages also offers Intensive Outpatient and Aftercare services for residents. The Juvenile Court contracts for a minimum of 10 beds per month. In 2006, 23 girls were served in residential programming.

COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

The Juvenile court periodically utilizes various residential placements in the local community, as well as across the state to address the multiple needs of some of its client population. Usually these placements are shorter-term (six months or less) and satisfy a need that outpatient services cannot. This past year placements such as locked residential and open residential facilities in the state were utilized. A total of 7 youth were directly referred for placement this year, at 3 different facilities including Cornell Abraxas, Kokomo Academy, and Central Ohio Youth Center-CTU. Other court youth received placement services through various providers as part of involvement in the Hamilton Choices program (described below).

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY PRESERVATION

Lighthouse Youth Services provides a family outreach component for juveniles on probation who could benefit from a time-limited, structured in-home therapy approach. Workers are on call 24 hours a day during the program and work with the entire family system to help strengthen the family unit. More than 30 families benefited from these services in 2006.

NORCEN SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC TREATMENT

NORCEN Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. contracts with the Court to provide ongoing group, individual and family treatment for youth adjudicated on sexual offenses who are able to be maintained in the community but who need intensive treatment for their behavior. The 2 groups can accommodate approximately 7-8 youth at any given time, due to the lengthy nature of the treatment and the slow turnover that occurs. Additional youth are served individually. The Court had 22 youth serviced during 2006.

COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

Occasionally the Court contracts on a case-by-case basis with various local providers for various outpatient treatment services for probation youth. Some examples of this would include individual sexual offender assessment and/or treatment, group substance abuse treatment, mentoring, violence prevention program participation, theft prevention program participation, in-home therapy, and the like. Due to budget constraints during the year, only two youth were referred and received outpatient services from one provider in 2006 (Randall Frost).

HAMILTON CHOICES

This managed care concept wrap around program has been in existence since 1995 under several different vendors over the years. The overall mission and purpose, as well as service operations, are as follows: to purchase, evaluate, and monitor a wide variety of services directed to the County's most difficult to serve multi-system children and their families. Over the year there were approximately 50 Court youth being serviced by Choices. From the program's inception, a total of 371 Court juveniles have been (or are being) served. Thirty-nine (39) new youth were referred into the program in calendar year 2006. Youth receive a wide array of services ranging from community-based to residential, and remain in the program up to 18 months based on their issues and needs.

THE BRIDGE

After many years of discussions between the Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Systems on service programming for youth who cross both systems, a demonstration project was funded for three sites in Ohio. In Southwest Ohio four counties, including Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, collaborated and were awarded funding that lead to the Program now known as "The Bridge". Talbert House, the lead provider organization, opened the residential site in October 2000. This secure facility combines a strong behavioral management milieu, cognitive-behavioral groups and interventions with sophisticated child and adolescent psychiatric expertise to address the needs of this population, characterized by severe mental health issues as well a history of aggressive behavior. In 2006, the Probation Department contracted for 5 beds on a daily basis through the first half of the year only. Due to budget constraints, the contract was not renewed in July for the new fiscal year (FY '07) and by October all Juvenile Court youth had discharged from the program. A total of 9 youth were placed in the program over the course of the year (5 of those were new admissions in 2006). Since its inception, 68 court youth have been served by the program.

TEAM CHILD PROJECT

Team Child, a project of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, provides interventions and advocacy so that children involved in the delinquency system can return to and remain in school and improve their educational success. Research shows that being out of school is a predictor of juvenile crime. Improving academic performance and strengthening bonds to school lessen the risk of delinquency. During 2006, 53 youth were referred to the project.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the Psychology Clinic is to provide mental health evaluations for the Juvenile Court System at the request of judges, magistrates, probation officers, and both prosecuting and defense attorneys. The evaluations are to determine whether juvenile offenders are competent to stand trial, appropriate for waiver, and to assist in dispositional planning. Occasionally, referrals from the dependency docket request clinic staff to assist in custody matters. The Court requested services in 2006 were:

CLINIC SERVICES	TOTAL
Psychological Evaluations	348
Mental Health Court Assessments	5
Psychiatric Evaluations	16
Evaluations for Waiver	45
Competency to Stand Trial	78
Job Applicants	90
Emergency Referrals	2,792
Detention High Risk Assessments	1,893

SUPPORT SERVICES

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department, under the Administrative Services Division is responsible for the preparation, expense and monitoring activity of the Annual County Operating budget and various state grants. Another major responsibility is the maintenance of employee sick and vacation records and production of the bi-weekly payroll. In addition, court ordered restitution is disbursed to the victim and child support for youth in placement is monitored.

2006		
General Fund	Revenue	Expense
General Fund Subsidy	\$14,245,401.37	
Judges' Office	\$3,203,522.82	\$10,474,477.46
Youth Center	\$1,517,728.69	\$11,275,959.85
Hillcrest	\$12,863,720.48	\$10,079,936.05
TOTAL	\$31,830,373.36	\$31,830,373.36
Grants		
Reclaim Ohio	\$3,968,552.55	\$3,968,552.55
Youth Services Grant	\$1,419,773.69	\$1,419,773.69
Family Treat Ct.	\$337,929.20	\$337,929.20
JAIBG	\$65,542.40	\$65,542.40
TOTAL	\$5,791,797.84	\$5,791,797.84
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,622,171.20	\$37,622,171.20

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

The Court's most important resource is its staff, whose dedicated service advances the Court's mission to children, families, and the public. The Human Resource Department supports the development of a competent and professional workforce through personnel administration and training services.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

The Personnel Department provides a broad range of services to the Court's 569 employees, covering 213 positions at 800 Broadway, 184 at the Youth Center, and 172 at Hillcrest. The department recruits new staff, screens applications, and manages the hiring process to assure a highly qualified workforce. In 2006, the department processed 1,126 applications, conducted 237 interviews, and directed the hiring of 101 new employees. The department is also responsible for many critical functions: maintenance of personnel records; benefits administration; management of the performance review process; and compliance assurance with applicable labor laws. The department also assists with employee relations as needed and administers the service pin recognition program.

Personnel staff are accessible to all employees in a continuing effort to promote a workplace that supports employee development and in which all people are treated with fairness, dignity and respect. The department advances policies, procedures, and practices that reflect the highest standards for competent, professional, and ethical public service.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

The Training Department provides introductory orientation, continuing education, and other learning opportunities for Court employees. Department staff identify needs with internal departments and actively solicit comment for curricula development and continual improvement of the training experience. Training staff also coordinate scheduling, maintain training records and equipment, and support ongoing relationships with outside agencies to maximize training opportunities. Different types of learning opportunities covering a wide array of topics meet the diverse needs of Court staff. In 2006, Court employees received nearly 42,000 hours of training.

The training department oversaw two special projects in 2006. A new Court-wide customer service training program was introduced, which all employees attended. The County Human Resources Development Department was instrumental in developing and piloting the program before ongoing operation was transferred to Court staff. In addition, the Court sponsored its third annual intersystem mental health training program. Through the joint efforts of the training staff from 800 Broadway, Hillcrest School, and the Youth Center, and with funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, the Court provided a valuable training program to over 250 participants from the Court and other child serving agencies.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Department is comprised of twelve full-time employees and two contractors. Staff are responsible for the design, development, and implementation and support of the Court's computer hardware and software systems.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

The basic function of the Operations Department is to determine the equipment and supply requirements for the Juvenile Court, maintain an inventory of supplies commensurate with the requirements and place all necessary vendor orders. It is the department's responsibility to maintain control of Court equipment by proper record keeping, conducting an annual inventory and monitoring maintenance contracts. The Operations Department handles the majority of the purchasing for the Juvenile Court, therefore, the department is also responsible for authenticating all invoices for payment.

The Operations Department also maintains a Print Shop for the purpose of developing, duplicating and reproducing all the forms that the juvenile Court utilizes. The Operations Department is staffed with 2 full-time members. Along with the Operations Director, there is a Supply Clerk/Printer.

CASE MANAGEMENT

DOCKETING/CASE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Docketing and Case Management Department of the Juvenile Court is responsible for docketing and presenting all complaints filed, maintaining and updating all legal records, and maintaining audio cassettes for Magistrates' hearings. The department consists of 43 employees who handle cases involving Delinquency, Unruly, Custody, Visitation, Traffic, Adult Jurisdiction, Child Support, and Dependency. Jobs currently within the department include Docketing Clerks, Traffic Clerk, Warrant Clerk, Case Managers, Unofficial Hearing Officer, Receptionists, School Case Managers, and File Clerks.

COMPLAINTS AND SOME MOTIONS FILED

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
DELINQUENT & UNRULY	19,914	19,141	19,803	19,894	21,160
TRAFFIC	7,332	7,296	6,810	6,568	6,511
PATERNITY & SUPPORT	3,221	2,797	3,536	1,961	1,095
CONTEMPT MOTIONS	4,586	5,389	6,403	4,568	5,785
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	1,318	1,160	1,062	794	738
MOD. OF SUPPORT - CSEA			260	1,244	937
ADMIN. PATERNITY HEARINGS			237	1,736	2,544
ADMIN. MODIFICATION ORDER	601	490	477	1,239	976
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT	3,152	2,989	4,333	4,222	3,550
DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT & ABUSE	461	601	618	598	618
CUSTODY, VISITATION & HABEAS CORPUS	1,422	1,383	1,239	1,417	1,334
MISCELLANEOUS	2	2	2	1	0
ADULT MISDEMEANOR .	1,815	2,060	1,730	1,602	1,329
TOTALS	43,822	43,308	46,510	45,844	46,577
HEARINGS CONDUCTED	140,959	140,543	151,447	164,283	163,890
HEARINGS PER CASE	3.22	3.25	3.26	3.58	3.52
HEARINGS PER DAY	564	562	606	657	656
DELINQUENT FILINGS	18,408	17,630	18,166	18,120	19,339
FELONY FILINGS	3,036	3,037	2,881	2,939	3,172
JUVENILES PC TO DYS	167	130	125	159	158
JUVENILES BOGJ	61	48	39	76	73
JUVENILES SYO	4	2	5	1	0

VOLUNTEER REFEREE PROGRAM

Two referee diversion programs exist in Hamilton County in an attempt to divert youth from official delinquent records.

Judge Benjamin S. Schwartz of Hamilton County Juvenile Court initiated the Volunteer Referee Program in 1958. It was the first program of its kind in the country. Attorneys were appointed by the Court as Volunteer Referees to hear unofficial cases of a minor nature within their own community. The program has continued with few modifications over the

years, under Judges William J. Morrissey; Olive L. Holmes; David E. Grossmann; John P. O'Connor, Sylvia Sieve Hendon, Thomas R. Lipps, and Karla J. Grady.

Local businesses, schools, police and citizens refer cases. The advantage of the program is that cases are heard within the youth's own community. Generally the cases are heard in the evening, as it is more convenient for all parties to participate. There is high visibility of the child for enforcing house arrest, work details and other measures of discipline.

During the year 2006, there were 1,045 youth served by the Volunteer Referee Program. Of these 151 were referred back to the police department or school for further action. A total of 895 were handled unofficially and diverted from the system.

CLERK'S OFFICE

In Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Judge Thomas R. Lipps and Judge Karla J. Grady are Ex Officio Clerks of the Court. All cases filed are processed through either the Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway, or at the Youth Center Intake Department. The Clerk's Office at 800 Broadway consists of the Chief Deputy Clerk and 14 employees who screen, process and image new complaints and motions; send service to notify parties of court dates; prepare mandated, and internal statistical reports; establish restitution accounts; and process financial transactions for restitution, fines, court costs, purges, bond, and other ordered fees.

JUVENILE JURISDICTION

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2005.....	6,568
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2006.....	6,511

	2005	2006	
Licensing of Motor Vehicle	120	113	
Driver License Law	164	111	
Financial Responsibility	1	2	
Operation of Vehicle	3,736	3,649	
Equipment and Loads	443	491	
Motor Vehicle Crimes	103	115	
Local Ordinances	2,001	2,030	
TOTAL	6,568	6,511	

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2005 1,773

UNRULY COMPLAINTS FILED 2006 1,822

	2005	2006
Runaway	831	824
Incorrigible	175	130
Incorrigible Out of County	24	24
Unruly Tobacco	21	51
Unruly	57	45
Curfew Violation	501	546
Unauth. Transaction of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Habitual Truancy	162	202
Possess Spray Paint	2	0
TOTAL	1,773	1,822

DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED

	2005	2006
HOMICIDE		
Aggravated Murder	0	4
Attempt Aggravated Murder	2	1
Murder	4	3
Attempt Murder	4	3
Complicity Attempt Murder	1	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	1
Reckless Homicide	1	1
Negligent Homicide	1	0
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	0	3
TOTAL	13	16
ASSAULT		
Felonious Assault	159	135
Felon. Assault Peace Officer	3	4
Complicity Felonious Assault	8	5
Attempt Felonious Assault	2	1
Aggravated Assault	4	8
Vehicular Assault	2	1
Assault	1,015	1,071
Assault Teacher, Admin, Bus Driver	114	123
Assault Child Service / Agency Worker	7	0
Assault Corrections Officer	3	9
Assault Peace Officer	18	21
Complicity Assault	3	6
Attempt Assault	2	2
Negligent Assault	4	3
TOTAL	1,344	1,389
MENACING		
Aggravated Menacing	158	169
Complicity Aggravated Menacing	2	2
Menacing	197	200

	2005	2006
MENACING CONT.		
Menacing Child Service/Agency Worker	1	0
Menacing By Stalking	3	4
TOTAL	361	375
KIDNAPPING		
Kidnapping	6	25
Complicity Kidnapping	0	1
Abduction	3	6
Complicity Abduction	0	3
Unlawful Restraint	2	3
Extortion	1	1
TOTAL	12	39
SEXUAL OFFENSES		
Rape	85	50
Complicity Rape	1	0
Attempt Rape	3	2
Sexual Battery	1	0
Gross Sexual Imposition	43	38
Attempt Gross Sexual Imposition	0	1
Sexual Imposition	12	17
Voyeurism	1	0
Public Indecency	8	9
Importuning – Under 13	1	0
TOTAL	155	117
PROSTITUTION		
Soliciting	8	5
Loiter to Engage in Prostitution	6	5
TOTAL	14	10
OBSCENITY		
Obscenity – Pandering	1	1
TOTAL	1	1

ARSON & RELATED OFFENSES	2005	2006
Aggravated Arson	10	32
Complicity Aggravated Arson	0	5
Attempt Aggravated Arson	1	5
Arson	19	20
Disrupt Public Service/Comm/Trans	7	9
Vandalism	62	49
Complicity Vandalism	12	5
Criminal Damage	546	510
Complicity Criminal Damage	30	6
Criminal Mischief	67	88
Vehicular Vandalism	3	0
Making Terroristic Threat	1	0
TOTAL	758	729

ROBBERY		
Aggravated Robbery	231	310
Complicity Aggravated Robbery	11	28
Attempt Aggravated Robbery	0	1
Robbery	173	216
Complicity Robbery	8	6
Attempt Robbery	1	1
Complicity Attempt Robbery	3	0
TOTAL	427	562

BURGLARY		
Aggravated Burglary	20	33
Complicity Aggravated Burglary	1	1
Burglary	252	226
Complicity Burglary	10	6
Attempt Burglary	9	2
Break and Enter	162	173
Complicity Break and Enter	3	9
Attempt Break and Enter	3	4
TOTAL	460	454

TRESPASS		
Criminal Trespass	386	429
Aggravated Trespass	12	9
TOTAL	398	438

SAFECRACKING		
Safecracking	8	1
Complicity Safecracking	3	0
Tamper With Coin Machine	2	7
TOTAL	13	8

THEFT		
Theft	1,281	1,438
Grand Theft	49	47
Complicity Theft	32	30
Complicity Grand Theft	12	10
Attempt Grand Theft	16	8
Attempt Theft	14	19
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	68	64
Unauth. Use Vehicle -Felony	6	4
Comp Unauthorized Use Vehicle	4	0
Auto Theft	52	47
Unauthorized Use of Property	7	3
Complicity Unauthorized Use of Property	0	1
TOTAL	1,541	1,671

MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS		
Misuse of Credit Cards	9	21
Complicity Misuse of Credit Cards	0	1
TOTAL	9	22

FORGERY	2005	2006
Forgery	35	40
Complicity – Forgery	1	1
Criminal Simulation	10	1
TOTAL	46	42

FRAUD		
Tamper with Records	0	2
Ill Display Law Enforce Emblem	1	0
Take Identity of Another	3	0
TOTAL	4	2

RECEIVING		
Receive Stolen Property	310	326
Receive Stolen Property - Over	62	62
Complicity Receive Stolen Property	0	3
TOTAL	372	391

GAMBLING		
Public Gaming	15	1
Gambling	1	6
TOTAL	16	7

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE		
Inciting to Violence	1	3
Aggravated Riot	0	6
Riot	0	1
Failure to Disperse	1	2
Telecommunication Harassment	35	35
Inducing Panic	54	60
Making False Alarms	36	40
Disorderly Conduct	1,510	1,566
Disorderly Conduct - Intoxicated	18	26
Misconduct at Emergency	5	3
Misconduct in Public Transit System	2	0
TOTAL	1,662	1,742

OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY		
Endangering Children	8	7
Contrib. To Unruliness/Delinquency	1	1
Interfere with Custody	1	2
Domestic Violence	566	511
Domestic Violence Felony	102	93
TOTAL	678	614

OFFENSE AGAINST JUSTICE		
Intimidation	9	4
Intimidating Victim, Witness	5	1
Retaliation Against Crime Victim	1	0
Falsification	159	173
Tampering with Evidence	23	18
Obstructing Official Business	592	723
Obstructing Justice	9	7
Assault Police Dog or Horse	0	1
Resisting Arrest	165	151
Flee and Elude Police Officer	14	21
Fail to Comply with Police	16	14
Fail to Comply with Police - Felony	10	13
Attempt Fail to Comply with Police – Fel.	1	0
Fail to Report Crime	1	1
Impersonate Officer	3	0
Escape	14	28
Convey Drug/Weapon into Detention	5	2
TOTAL	1,027	1,157

ATTEMPT, COMPLICITY, CONSPIRACY	2005	2006
Conspiracy	1	8
Attempt	12	13
Attempt Felony	1	0
Complicity	19	18
Complicity Felony	0	2
TOTAL	34	41

WEAPONS CONTROL

Carrying Concealed Weapon	144	140
Carry Concealed Weapon Felony	8	21
Complicity Carry Concealed Weapon	0	1
Have Weapon Under Disability	24	46
Use Weapon while Intoxicated	1	0
Weapon in School Safety Zone	52	35
Possess Object Indist from Firearm	4	2
Discharge Firearm Habitation/School	5	6
Discharge Firearm on/near Prohib Prem.	3	0
Discharge Firearm on/near Public Road	1	0
Dangerous Ordnance	3	4
Firearm – Underage Purchase	1	1
Firearm Transport Loaded	2	3
Improp. Handling Firearm in Motor Veh.	1	8
Possess Criminal Tools	63	68
TOTAL	312	335

DRUG OFFENSES

Trafficking Drugs	11	42
Trafficking Drugs Near School	22	54
Attempt Drug Trafficking	2	0
Drug Trafficking Marijuana	26	38
Drug Traff Marijuana Near School	19	0
Drug Trafficking Cocaine	38	127
Drug Trafficking Cocaine Near School	50	0
Drug Trafficking Heroin	11	0
Drug Trafficking Heroin Near School	13	0
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	2	1
Ill Assembly / Poss Chem to Manuf Drug	1	0
Aggravated Possession of Drug	6	20
Possession of Drug	33	44
Possession of Cocaine	173	210
Possession of Heroin	25	17
Possession of Marijuana	651	460
Drug Abuse	27	28
Permit Drug Abuse	0	1
Possess Drug Abuse Instrument	0	4
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	170	192
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug	1	0
Tampering With Drugs	1	0
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	2	3
Possess Counterfeit Cont. Substance	18	14
Traff Counterfeit Controlled Substance	2	4
Traff Count Cont Subs – School	3	2
TOTAL	1,307	1,261

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES	2005	2006
Ethnic Intimidation	0	6
Contaminate Substance-Human Use	3	1
TOTAL	3	7

FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS

Discharge Fireworks	1	2
Possess Fireworks	1	0
TOTAL	2	2

NUISANCES

Littering	1	2
TOTAL	1	2

LIQUOR CONTROL

Consume Possess Liquor in Veh	0	1
Purchase/Consume	235	265
Possession	7	13
Misrepresent to Obtain Alcohol	1	0
Furnish Alcohol to a Minor	3	4
TOTAL	246	283

DRIVER LICENSE LAW

Fictitious License, ID Card	0	1
Display Improper Driver's License	0	1
TOTAL	0	2

HABITUAL / CHRONIC TRUANCY

Habitual Truancy – Prior Adjudication	0	1
Chronic Truancy	585	464
TOTAL	585	465

VIOLATIONS

Violation of Court Order	22	26
VCO Incurrigible	759	810
VCO Probation	601	633
VCO Placement	809	964
VCO Runaway	1,153	1,349
VCO Truancy	885	917
VCO Tobacco	17	26
VCO Work Detail	584	644
VCO Stay Center	367	342
VCO EMU	118	142
VCO Curfew Violation	616	720
Parole Violation	260	232
TOTAL	6,776	6,805

MISCELLANEOUS/LOCAL CODES

Miscellaneous Codes	129	340
TOTAL	129	340

RESTITUTION

In 2006, the total restitution collected was \$81,012.29

FINES & COSTS COLLECTED

Fines	\$51,086.69
Court Costs	\$141,679.68
RRF & GRF	\$114,030.93
Computer Fees	\$53,566.07
Legal Research	\$15,812.05
Witness Fees	\$7,196.67
Delivery Fees	\$9,026.34
Work Detail Fees	\$932.02
Restitution Process Fee	\$2,471.61

DISMISSALS

In 2006, 9,743 delinquent, unruly, traffic and adult misdemeanor cases were dismissed.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

The Court committed 158 juveniles to the Department of Youth Services in 2006 and revoked parole for 34 juveniles.

TRANSFERS

In 2006, 73 juveniles were transferred to the Court of Common Pleas, General Division to have their cases tried as adults.

CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

The following report, mandated by section 2151.18 of the Revised Code, reflects the number of complaints filed with the court, that allege that a child is a delinquent child, in relation to which the court determines under division (D) of section 2151.27 of the Revised Code that the victim of the alleged delinquent act was sixty-five years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled at the time of the alleged commission of the act.

TYPE OF OFFENSE	PROPERTY	THEFT	VIOLENT
DELINQUENT COMPLAINTS FILED	6	12	60
ADJUDICATIONS	3	9	28
ADJUDICATION & RESTITUTION	2	5	8
COMMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION	0	1	2
TRANSFERRED FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION	0	0	2

ADULT JURISDICTION

DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT AND ABUSE

The Dependency Department is responsible for all complaints filed by public and private agencies alleging a child to be dependent, neglected, and/or abused. If a child is placed in the care of an agency, the dependency department must approve and monitor the implementation of the agency's plan for each child. The goals of the statutes that define the operation of the department are to protect children, to respect the rights of parents, and to obtain permanent homes for children in a timely fashion.

	2005	2006
NEW FILINGS	444 cases	481 cases
	728 children	757 children
FILINGS DISMISSED	83 children	87 children
INITIAL DISPOSITIONS		
Direct Custody to Individual	111 children	127 children
Protective Supervision	68 children	124 children
Temporary Custody	331 children	404 children
Permanent Commitments	76 children	79 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	46 children	51 children

During 2006, in addition to the 79 children permanently committed as an initial disposition, 59 children were modified from temporary commitments to permanent commitments.

During 2006, in addition to the 51 children placed in planned permanent living arrangements as an initial disposition, 47 children were modified from a temporary commitment to planned permanent living arrangement.

CHILDREN UNDER AGENCY CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION AT YEAR END

	2005	2006
Protective Supervision	106 children	109 children
Temporary Commitments	335 children	390 children
Permanent Commitments	365 children	370 children
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	351 children	325 children
TOTAL	1,157 children	1,194 children

In addition to addressing child abuse, neglect and dependency cases, the Dependency Department hears motions to modify prior dependency orders, as well as child custody cases that have been transferred from the Court of Domestic Relations. New filings of these cases are set forth below:

	2005	2006
New motions to Modify Prior Dependency Dispositions	257 cases	269 cases
	393 children	410 children
New Cases Transferred from the Court of Domestic Relations	3 cases	2 cases
	5 children	2 children

OTHER COMPLAINTS FILED

ADULT MISDEMEANORS

	2005	2006
Failure to Send Child to School	1,514	1,234
Endangering Children	26	12
Tend to Cause Delinquency of a Minor	37	52
Contribute to Delinquency	20	11
Adult Probation Violation	6	14
Interference with Custody	0	1
Violation of EMU	0	5
TOTAL	1,603	1,329

	2005	2006
PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP	1,199	973
SUPPORT	2,404	2,649
CUSTODY	1,328	1,218
VISITATION	126	156
CHILD CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY	74	121
CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT	13	12
HABEAS CORPUS	1	0
PERMISSION TO MARRY	2	3
PARENTAL BYPASS	1	0

SOME MOTIONS FILED	2005	2006
CONTEMPT	4,568	5,785
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT	2,038	1,675
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION ORDER	1,239	976
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS	4,222	3,550

HEARINGS CONDUCTED	2005	2006
TOTAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED	164,283	163,890
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HEARINGS PER FILING	3.58	3.52

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

The Security Department is comprised of 13 full-time Law Enforcement Officers. These Officers have been certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and have received specific and advanced training. The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Security Department is the first and only juvenile court certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The Security Department operates in compliance with the Supreme Court of Ohio, Court Security Standards. The Security Department is responsible for providing security and prisoner transports within Juvenile Court at 800 Broadway. They further provide security and prisoner transports to the courtrooms at the Youth Center, prisoner transportation to and from other jurisdictions and is responsible for providing security at the Community Services Work Detail Program.

MAGISTRATES

There are twenty-seven Magistrates in Juvenile Court. The Magistrates are appointed by the Juvenile Judges to preside over the daily case management in Juvenile Court. The powers of a Magistrate are similar to those of a Judge, however, their decisions and orders are subject to review and approval by the assigned Juvenile Court Judge. In Hamilton County, Magistrates determine delinquency, unruly, dependency, custody, paternity and child support matters in Juvenile Court. One hearing officer is assigned to hear delinquency and unruly cases referred for unofficial hearings.

Nine Magistrates are assigned to preside over cases involving allegations of dependency, neglect and abuse of children. They are responsible for deciding the temporary and permanent placement of children. The primary goal of the dependency process is to protect the best interest of the child.

The remaining Magistrates preside over delinquency, unruly, traffic, custody, paternity and child support. In delinquency, unruly and traffic matters, Magistrates preside at the plea and trial hearings and sometimes in conjunction with the Probation Department and Court Services Department determine appropriate dispositions.

Juvenile Court has jurisdiction of paternity, custody and child support when a child is born out of wedlock, or when married parents have not filed for divorce. The Magistrates oversee proceedings to establish the proper parent/child relationship. In addition to establishing paternity, the Magistrates also set child support orders. A Magistrate has the authority to hold a parent in contempt of court and place them before the assigned Judge for imposition of a jail term for failure to pay child support. The Magistrates also decide custody and visitation matters in Juvenile Court. Custody and visitation decisions determine who shall be the residential parent or custodian of a child and provides for the visitation schedule of a child.

UNOFFICIAL COURT PROGRAM

In March of 1975 the Court established an Unofficial Court Program to hear unruly and minor misdemeanor offenses. Supervision of the program is handled by the Executive Director of Docketing and Case Management Department, Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

During the year 2006, a total of 1,575 juveniles were referred to the Unofficial Hearing Officer on 1,725 charges. Of the 1,725 charges 547 were referred back to the Official Docket for hearing.

FAMILY TREATMENT DRUG COURT

MISSION

The Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court is a collaborative effort to ensure timely permanence for children in the custody of the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services or under agency supervision. The goal is to provide the most efficient substance abuse treatment for parents, as a safe return to a sober parent is the most natural form of permanency the system can provide. This program avoids ineffective treatment, ill-informed court decision-making and repetitive litigation that impeded permanency.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As a condition for admission to the Family Treatment Drug Court the parent stipulates to the admissibility of all Family Treatment Drug Court findings and treatment records in any dependency proceeding and waives any further cross examination or confrontation of the reporters to the Family Treatment Drug Court. In exchange for this waiver of rights, the parent receives the benefits of close judicial monitoring of treatment, efficient exchange of information among collaborative agencies, and individualized case planning all of which are designed to effect the safe return of the child. Conversely, unsuccessful completion of the program will be documented in the findings of fact and conclusions of law issued by the Hamilton County Family Treatment Drug Court and will be considered by the Dependency System for all purposes in the future. This voluntary program, at its core, protects the due process rights of the participants yet offers the treatment benefits associated with adult drug courts. As a separate tract to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court's model court, which is already conducting close monitoring of the child's case plan, the Family Treatment Drug Court achieves the goal of timely permanency for children within a context that does not unduly compromise parental rights.

STATISTICS

The Family Treatment Drug Court began in September of 2002, and received funding through a grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. In 2006, 16 parents entered the program. The Family Treatment Drug Court served 27 parents and 49 children in 2006. The program is comprised of three phases, and the anticipated time for completion of the program is one year. Fifty-five percent of the participants discharged from the program in 2006 demonstrated compliance or substantial compliance with their treatment goals and court orders that included the maintenance of sobriety.

MEDIATION

Mediation offers an effective alternative to the traditional court process by using a non-adversarial conflict resolution process in an environment of collaborative problem solving. Mediation provides a forum to parties that promotes the safe, guided exchange of information following simple rules that are clearly explained from the outset. Parties are permitted to explore any avenue of possible resolution unfettered by external restraints.

CUSTODY AND VISITATION MEDIATION

The Court contracts with attorneys and social workers trained in family mediation and dispute resolution to mediate petitions and motions for custody and visitation. The magistrates referred 133 cases for mediation in 2006, following a pretrial hearing.

The parties reached an agreement in 46% of the cases mediated. In 29 cases, the parties either failed to appear or declined mediation services.

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION

The goal of the Child Protection Mediation Program is to create an atmosphere that values children and families through a reliable process that empowers families and generates reasonable and creative solutions resulting in permanency for children. The types of cases served by the Child Protection Mediation Program included the following: custody or visitation petitions; adjudications of abuse, neglect and/or dependency; dispositional and post-dispositional requests of protective supervision, temporary custody, planned permanent living arrangement and permanent custody; and disputes related to case plan services.

The magistrates referred 45 cases involving 79 children to mediation in 2006. In 76% of the cases referred to mediation, the parties appeared and participated in the session. The parties reached a full or partial agreement in 62% of the cases mediated. Of those cases in which the parties reached an agreement, 95% resulted in a full agreement and 5% resulted in a partial agreement. The magistrates approved all the agreements reached by the parties in mediation.

INDIVIDUALIZED DISPOSITION DOCKET

PROGRAM HISTORY

In 2004, Hamilton County Juvenile Court partnered with the Hamilton County Community Board of Mental Health to implement a juvenile mental health court, known as the Individualized Disposition Docket. This program incorporates the following best practice principles from the *RESOURCE GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse & Neglect Cases* and the *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases* published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: one magistrate/one family case assignment model; frontloading of services; family engagement in all stages of the proceedings; frequent substantive review hearings; the use of individualized dispositions that includes graduated sanctions/rewards; and community collaboration. The docket serves youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years who are adjudicated delinquent and diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance. Although these youth are at risk for out of home placement, they have a designated caregiver who will work them in an intensive, home-based intervention.

MISSION

The Individualized Disposition Docket is a community collaborative model of service delivery which utilizes an interdisciplinary and integrated team approach to treatment for youth with serious emotional disorders who are involved in Juvenile Court and require specialized, supported care in order to remain in the community. This model of service focuses on the provision of assertive, comprehensive psychiatric interventions designed to assist and empower the family in achieving individualized goals which are tailored to meet their needs, thus eliminating the risk of out of home placement or other court sanctioned dispositions.

SERVICE MODEL

In 2005, the Hamilton County Community Mental Health Board contracted with Lighthouse Youth Services to provide the intensive home-based intervention for the youth and families on this docket. Lighthouse adopted principles from family preservation, multi-systemic therapy, wrap-around, and Assertive Community Treatment (adult mental health court model) in the program design. This model also integrates drug and alcohol services as over sixty percent of the youth on this docket presented with a co-occurring disorder. The continuum of services available through Lighthouse includes: comprehensive family assessments; twenty-four hour crisis intervention; mental health case management; psychiatric services; medication management; individual and family therapy ; parenting education; mentoring; educational support; behavior management; chemical dependency treatment/education; anger management/conflict resolution; and community support and resource development.

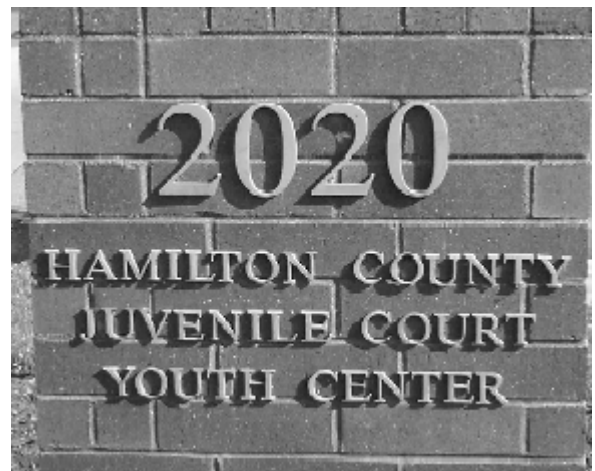
STATISTICS

In 2006, twenty-two youth with serious emotional disorders entered the Individualized Disposition Docket, and the program served a total of twenty-four youth and their families in 2006. The Individualized Disposition Docket discharged eleven participants from the program in 2006, and 82% of the youth discharged from the program were in compliance or substantial compliance with their treatment plan at the time of their discharge.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

The Attendance Program involves a partnership between the Court, Family Services of Cincinnati, Gamble Elementary and the St. Bernard School District. This collaborative effort is designed to reduce absences within the schools. The Attendance Clerk and Visiting Teacher/Attendance Program Liaison identify students with poor attendance, and the school personnel engage in activities and remedial services intended to improve attendance for this targeted population. If these interventions do not result in improved outcomes, the student and their parents or guardian are cited to court. The court conducts bi-weekly hearings to monitor attendance and a service plan directed to address the underlying causes or contributing factors to the poor attendance record. The goals of the program are to increase attendance, provide support to families and prevent future contacts with the juvenile justice system. The Attendance Program Case Manager works closely with selected families by providing direct services and arranging ancillary services as needed. The Hamilton County Juvenile Court provides a Magistrate and Case Presenter for the hearings. Participating schools have shown improved daily attendance and parent participation in the school setting.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT YOUTH CENTER



YOUTH CENTER

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center, located at 2020 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219, provides short term secure placement for youth awaiting trial or placement. The staff of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center is a team of dedicated, caring professionals committed to servicing our communities by providing a safe, secure and structured environment for the youth in our care. The Youth Center is accredited by the American Correctional Association, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Services and the American Association of Suicidology. The Youth Center was the first detention center in the nation to participate in the Performance Based Standards Initiative.

In 2006, 6,116 youth were admitted to detention, while 5,021 youth were diverted from detention after arrest.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Youth Center Operations Department is comprised of Intake, Reception Release, and Facility Control.

The Youth Center Intake Department is the ingress to the facility for all youth. The department is responsible for making a determination whether a youth will be admitted to the facility as an admission or returned to a parent or other responsible person as a diversion. Intake Department Deputy Clerks file complaints against youth as warrants or as citations to appear in court for future plea and adjudication.

The Reception Release Department is responsible for scheduling Youth Center plea hearings, conducting mental health assessments, and preparing new admissions for unit assignment. The department is also responsible for releasing previously admitted youth from the facility. The Reception Release Department is the Youth Center department to contact for general information or when attempting to contact a current employee without having a direct phone number.

The Facility Control Department is responsible for overall facility movement between floors and access to and from secure sections of the facility. Security cameras and intercoms aid in control of facility movement. The department is considered the control center for facility movement and security. The department is also the staging point for residents scheduled for outside facility transports.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department has three interdepartmental floors, two of which are male floors and one female floor; consisting of an Orientation, programming, Gender Specific that also holds Orientation special needs and Programming for females.

Our 2nd floor male Orientation Unit is made of juveniles awaiting either a plea hearing or medical screening. Juveniles receive incentives for positive behavior determined by a pass or fail method.

Our 3rd floor Programming Unit has juveniles that are awaiting dispositions, placements, etc., and has a more detailed incentive system as the juveniles are usually there for a longer period of time. The average stay is 10 days, and can go up to 90 days for more complex cases.

Our 4th floor is Gender Specific, and includes our Orientation and Programming for females as well Special Needs Units for both male and female respectively. The two genders never meet while on the same floor. The incentive method is the same for males and females.

The Special Needs Units are geared for the juveniles that can not function successfully in larger groups. We offer smaller population sizes for these juveniles due mostly to mental health issues.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Medical Department provides medical, dental, drug/alcohol assessments, psychological and psychiatric services to all admitted youth. These services are delivered by staff physicians provided by Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The Youth Center is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Medical Screenings performed	5,690
Full Physical Examinations	1,626
Sick Call Examinations performed (nurse practitioner or physician)	486

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Programs and Services department is responsible for providing recreational, educational and volunteer services to Youth Center residents.

Recreationally residents receive two hours of large muscle exercise a day. Exercise consists of a variety of activities exposing the residents to organized individual and team sports that they may otherwise not have an opportunity to participate in elsewhere. The activities range from Wiffleball, Pickleball, Volleyball, Basketball, Ping-Pong, and multiple calisthenics and stretches.

Youth Center residents received approximately 12,000 volunteer hours in 2006. The volunteer program is comprised of more than 150 volunteers from over 75 different organizations. We have had several motivational speakers, for example, Champions, the

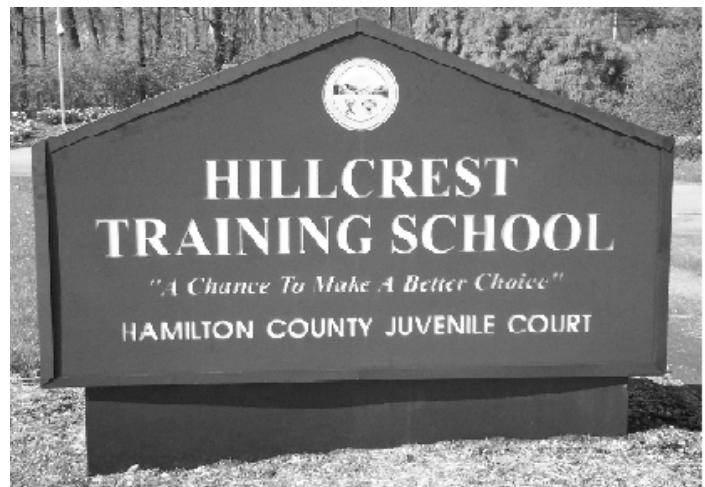
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Hamilton County Coroner, Dr. O'Dell Owens, and many other renowned individuals and organizations.

The Juvenile Court Youth Center, in addition to having Cincinnati Public Schools on-site during the school year, also has access to educational services during the summer months and receives tutelage from several volunteers ranging from a wide variety of educational backgrounds provided by our volunteer program. Additionally, and the Cincinnati Zoo provides educational programming monthly.

The Youth Center training department is responsible for providing training to all youth Center staff. All new hires complete an eight-week training course, four weeks classroom training and four weeks on-the-job training. All youth center staff are trained in Fire procedures, Hostage situations, Physical intervention techniques, suicide and mental health awareness and behavior management techniques. There are 2 full time facility instructors and 10 part time instructors. The Training Department also works with the facility mentors or on-the job trainers. Youth center staff, as a facility, received over 18,000 hours of training for 2006.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL



HILLCREST TRAINING SCHOOL

Hillcrest Training School is located at 246 Bonham Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. The agency primarily serves children between the ages of twelve and eighteen who have a history of court involvement. Hillcrest operates 118 residential treatment beds and an aftercare program for delinquent boys. In addition, the school operates 24 assessment beds for adjudicated boys and girls. Hillcrest has dual accreditation by the American Correctional Association by meeting both the "Training School" Standards and "Aftercare Services" Standards. Hillcrest maintains National Commission on Correctional Health Care Services and American Association of Sociology accreditation. The agency is also licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

In 2006, Hillcrest's Administrative Services was selected by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators to participate in the Performance-based Standards initiative, a continuous quality assurance/improvement program designed specifically for institutional childcare providers.

Residential Services implemented new bed check technology to enhance safety, security, and accountability during sleeping hours. A task analysis for residential care positions was also completed with the intent increasing training uniformity during probationary periods.

Educational Services partnered with the Great Oaks Vocational system to implement an off-grounds welding program. The school also made significant progress with Cincinnati Public Schools and Hamilton County Board of Education to better coordinate post-release academic plans and educational placements.

Programs and Services began the process of re-engineering aftercare services to meet the needs of especially "high" risk children. This initiative included contracting with a Multisystemic Therapy provider to bolster transitional services; and increasing supervision and surveillance through the purchase of electronic monitoring units.

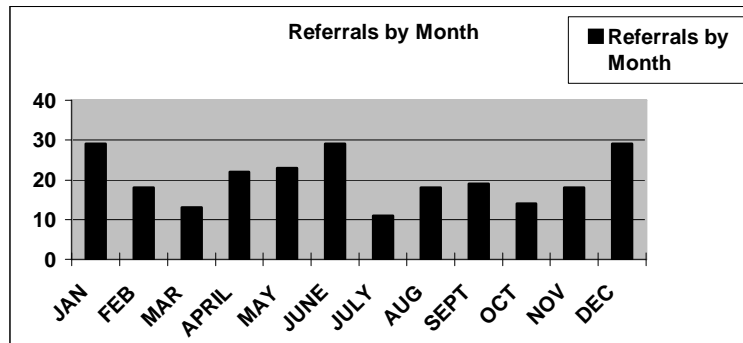
Facilities installed a campus-wide voice annunciated fire alarm system. Improvements were also made to bathrooms and/or kitchenettes.
in four residential units

RESIDENTIAL CARE		ASSESSMENT UNITS	
Referrals	239	Boys Served	319
Admissions	189	Girls Served	207
Terminations	154	Total Served	526
Number of Youth Served	317		
Average Length of Stay (Days)	206		
Days of Care Provided	37,968		

TOTAL REFERRALS

MonthReferrals by Month

JAN	29
FEB	18
MAR	13
APR	22
MAY	23
JUN	29
JUL	11
AUG	18
SEP	19
OCT	14
NOV	18
DEC	29



TOTAL 243

RACE OF REFERRALS:

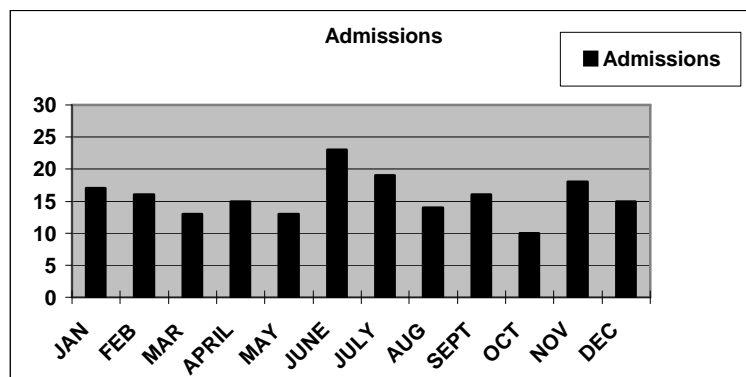
	Number	Percentage
African-American	201	82.72%
Caucasian	35	14.40%
Bi-Racial	5	2.06%
Hispanic	1	.41%
Asian	1	.41%
TOTAL	243	100%

AVERAGE AGE	AVERAGE # OF PRIORS	AVERAGE # OF DAYS ON REFERRAL
15.5 Years Old	8 Priors	30 Days

TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Month Admissions by Month

JAN	17
FEB	16
MAR	13
APR	15
MAY	13
JUNE	23
JULY	19
AUG	14
SEPT	16
OCT	10
NOV	18
DEC	15
TOTAL	189



RACE OF ADMISSIONS:

	Number	Percentage
African-American	151	79.90%
Caucasian	31	16.40%
Bi-Racial	5	2.65%
Hispanic	1	.53%
Asian	1	.53%
TOTAL	189	100%

DEGREE OF COMMITTING OFFENSE:

	Number	Percentage
Violation of Court Order		
Sex Offense Specific	6	3.17%
Substance Abuse	25	12.23%
Disruptive Behavior	4	2.12%
Misdemeanor		
Sex Offense Specific	0	0%
Substance Abuse	27	14.29%
Disruptive Behavior	6	3.17%
Felony		
Sex Offense Specific	9	4.76%
Substance Abuse	69	36.51%
Disruptive Behavior	43	22.75%
TOTAL	189	100%

SUSPENDED COMMITMENTS TO DYS:

	Number	Percentage
Admits With SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	13	6.88%
Substance Abuse	94	49.74%
Disruptive Behavior	48	25.40%
Admits Without SC/DYS		
Sex Offense Specific	2	1.06%
Substance Abuse	27	14.29%
Disruptive Behavior	5	2.65%
TOTAL	189	100%

DAYS OF RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDED IN 2006:

Quarter	Residential Days of Care
1 st	9,386
2 nd	9,509
3 rd	9,381
4 th	9,692
TOTAL	37,968

RESIDENTIAL TERMINATIONS:

	Number	Percentage
Aftercare	154	83.24%
PC to DYS	31	16.76%
TOTAL	185	100%

2006 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY:

	Disruptive Behavior	Substance Abuse	Sex Offense Specific
Total # of Children Served	80	198	39
Total Residential Days Care	8,485	21,368	8,115
Terminations	51	125	12
Average Length of Stay	206 days	207 days	552 days

AFTERCARE CASELOAD:

	Releases	PC/DYS
2002	173	25
2003	143	25
2004	145	29
2005	124	38
2006	136	24

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UTILIZATION STATISTICS

PSYCHOLOGY:

The Psychology Department conducts psychological intake assessments for each youth admitted. These assessments identify mental health, substance abuse, and psycho-educational issues. Formal diagnosis and treatment recommendations are made for each youth. The Department provides staff training and consultation, individual and group counseling, and crisis intervention. Services include suicide risk assessment and assignment of suicide precautions, management of youth prescribed psychotropic medication, and linkage with area mental health providers. The Psychology Department coordinates and facilitates intensive cognitive-behavioral treatment groups for substance abuse and anger management. Department staffing includes psychology assistants and a licensed psychologist who supervises all psychological services as specified by the Ohio State Board of Psychology.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	TOTAL
Psychological Evaluations	
Intake Evaluations	182
Extended Diagnostic Evaluations	42
Individual Counseling Sessions	1,423
Group Counseling Sessions	524
Crisis Intervention Sessions	459

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM:

Varying levels of substance abuse services are available. All youth are assessed for substance abuse issues by the Intake Social Worker, Psychology Department, and Health Care Services. Identified youth are referred to the following programs: (1) an intensive 4- month cognitive/behavioral program designed to address dual issues of substance abuse and criminal conduct; (2) an advanced substance abuse education program including restricted home visits and increased use of urinalysis monitoring; (3) individual counseling with a certified chemical dependency counselor; or (4) a support group for children of parents experiencing substance abuse problems. Basic substance abuse education is provided to all residents.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	TOTAL
Intensive Cognitive Behavioral Groups (Phases 1&2)	683
Relapse Prevention Groups (Phase 3)	76
Urinalysis	
Residential	2,901
Aftercare	137

SEX OFFENSE-SPECIFIC PROGRAM:

The primary goal of the sex offense-specific program is to prevent re-offending. The program offers educational and group therapy components. The program also relies on the use of polygraph examinations to verify information and deter further offending. Parental participation is mandatory. Length of stay for sex offenders is 14 to 18 months with an additional period of community supervision and treatment. A family support group is also provided.

SEX OFFENSE SPECIFIC SERVICES	TOTAL
Sex Offender Groups	
Parent Support Groups	410
Sex Offender Education	24
Relapse Prevention Groups	73
Polygraphs	98

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS:

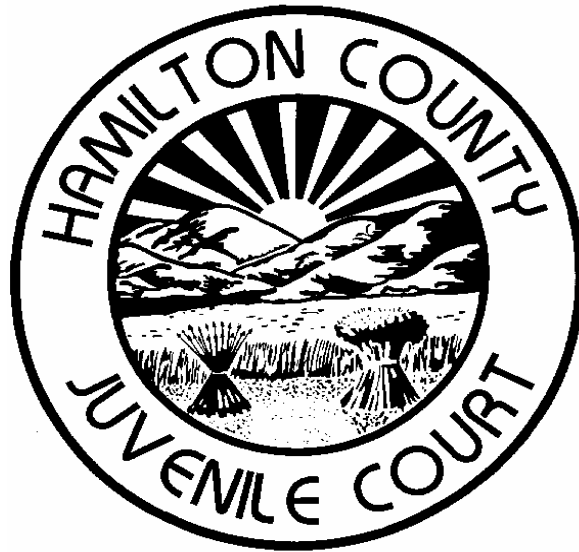
This program focuses on helping youth identify and change antisocial attitudes, values, and beliefs. Youth with a pattern of violating the law and the rights of others, but who have no sexual offenses or substance abuse problems are placed in this program. Treatment interventions include problem-solving, social skills, and anger management groups. Aftercare services include routine curfew checks by local law enforcement authorities.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR SERVICES	TOTAL
Anger Management Groups	56
Problem Solving / Social Skills Group	190

HEALTH SERVICES:

The Health Services Department provides health assessments, daily sick call, management of special needs cases, medication distribution, immunizations, and routine dental care. In-service training is provided for both staff and residents focusing on health and wellness. Health Services oversees the exposure control plan and assists in monitoring certain health safety requirements throughout the facility. Additional health services are available through various community clinics and hospitals as needed. The staff consists of licensed practical nurses, a registered nurse supervisor, a nurse practitioner, a contractual pediatrician/medical director, and a dentist.

HEALTH SERVICES	<i>TOTAL</i>
Physical Examinations	288
Sick Call	
Pediatrician Visit	395
Nurse Practitioner Visit	207
Nurse Visits	4,346
Outside Medical Referrals	103
Psychiatric Services	
Initial Evaluation	42
Follow-up Visit	308
Diagnostic Tests	375
Immunizations	478
Dental Services	219
Medicine	
Prescriptions Dispensed	1,508
Medicines Administered	29,197



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